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MONTHLY TRADE UPDATE

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LATEST NEWS

Revised ACE Transition Date Timeline

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in coordination with the White House, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC), has revised the mandatory transition dates for filing entry and corresponding entry summary data in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). ACE is the cornerstone of the U.S. Government's effort to complete the "Single Window" concept. The "Single Window" concept is a cross-agency modernization effort to facilitate secure and efficient trade and connect thousands of CBP, Partner Government Agency (PGA) and trade users in a single trade processing system.

Significant progress has been made to transition the trade to filing entry and entry summary transactions in ACE and complete development of remaining core trade processing functionality. However, CBP and the PGAs have heard from key industry partners of the need for flexibility with the dates for the mandatory transition from the legacy Automated Commercial System (ACS) to ACE. In consideration of ACE stakeholder feedback, CBP and PGAs are adopting a phased approach to decommissioning entry and entry summary filing capabilities in the legacy ACS system and mandate users to transition to the new ACE system. This new phased approach will not impact the successful implementation of the Single Window as outlined in Presidential Executive Order 13659 by December 2016.

The revised ACE Mandatory Use Dates for entry and entry summary filing are now:

- **February 28, 2016** - CBP will begin divesting the legacy ACS System. This transition will shift technical and customer support resources away from the legacy ACS system to ACE.
- **March 31, 2016** - Filers will be required to file (A) electronic entry summaries in ACE for entry types 01 (Consumption - Formal), 03 (Consumption - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty), 11 (Informal), 23 (Temporary Importation Bond [TIB]), 51 (Defense Contract Administration Service Region [DCASR]), 52 (Government - Dutiable) without PGA data, and (B) electronic entries and corresponding entry summaries with Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Lacey Act and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data.
- **May 28, 2016** - Filers will be required to file (A) electronic entries (cargo release) in ACE for entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, and 52 without PGA data with the exception of APHIS Lacey Act and NHTSA data, and (B) electronic entries and entry summaries for entry type 06—(Consumption - Foreign Trade Zone).
- **Summer 2016** - Filers will be required to file electronic entry and entry summaries for (A) entry types 02 (Consumption - Quota/Visa), 07 (Consumption—Antidumping/Countervailing Duty and Quota/Visa Combination), 12 (Informal - Quota/Visa [other than textiles]), 21 (Warehouse), 22 (Re-Warehouse), and (B) electronic entry summaries only for entry types 31 (Warehouse Withdrawal - Consumption), 32 (Warehouse Withdrawal - Quota), 34 (Warehouse Withdrawal - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty), 38 (Warehouse Withdrawal - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty & Quota/Visa Combination). Throughout summer 2016, the PGAs will provide, if they have not already done so, functionality for filing electronically in ACE.

FDA and the remaining PGAs will provide further information regarding the conclusion of their pilots.

Additional detail on the specific entry and entry summary types, specific PGAs impacted, and other key issues surrounding this updated timeline can be found by visiting the "[ACE Mandatory Use Dates](#)" page of cbp.gov/ace.

MORE ACE INFORMATION

→ Visit www.cbp.gov/ACE

→ Subscribe to the [Cargo Systems Messaging Service \(CSMS\)](#) for Email Updates

→ [ACE Development/Deployment Schedule](#)

→ [ACE Training](#)

→ [List of ABI Vendors, including those certified to file in ACE](#)

ACE EXPORTER ACCOUNT AND AESDIRECT TRAINING RESOURCES

ACE Portal Exporter Account and AESDirect Filing Training Information Resources

CBP and the U.S. Census Bureau would like to remind the exporting community of available training guides and instructional videos published to support Electronic Export Information (EEI) filers during their transition from filing in the legacy AESDirect website to filing in the new Refactored ACE Secure Data Portal's AESDirect module. The transition dates for users to move from the legacy AESDirect system to the new Refactored AESDirect are:

- Portal and AESPCLink filers will be transitioned in phases beginning 2/29/2016 and ending 4/25/2016
- AESWeblink, EDI and VPN filers should prepare to transition out of the system by 4/30/2016

To learn how to establish an exporter account in the ACE Portal or add users to an existing ACE Portal Account, please review the following user guides and instructional videos:

- [ACE Exporter Account Quick Reference Guide \(QRG\)](#)
- [Request a New Account](#)
- [Request an ACE Portal Exporter Account for Existing Portal Users](#)
- [Request Access to EIN Data for ACE Portal Exporter Account](#)
- [Manage User Access User Guide](#)

To learn how to run ACE Trade Export Reports, please review the following user guides and recorded webinar video:

- [ACE Reports User Guide \(Basic Reports\)](#)
- [ACE Reports Quick Reference Card \(QRC\)](#)
- [ACE Exports Data Dictionary](#)
- [AES Export Reports Webinar](#)

To learn how to file EEIs in the new Refactored ACE AESDirect module, please review the following recorded webinar video:

- [How to file in the Refactored AESDirect in the Automated Commercial Environment \(ACE\)](#)

To obtain additional information on ACE Portal Export Accounts and filing export information in the Refactored ACE Portal AESDirect module, please visit the following pages at [CBP's](#) and [Census's](#) websites:

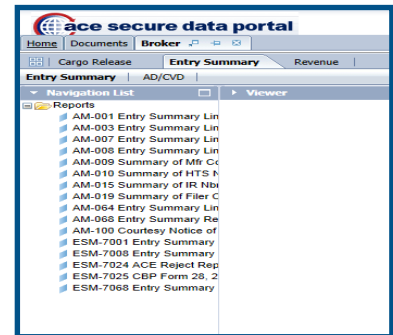
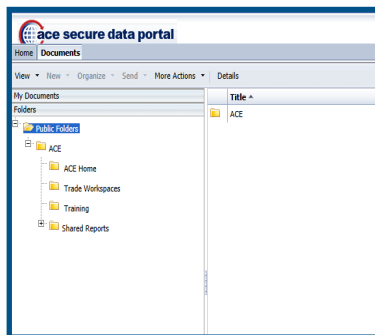
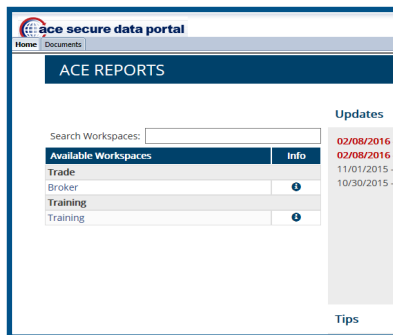
- [Using the ACE Secure Data Portal \(CBP\)](#)
- [ACE Training and Reference Guides \(CBP\)](#)
- [New AESDirect Portal Now Available in ACE \(CBP\)](#)
- [International Trade – Outreach, Education, and Training \(Census\)](#)
- [Foreign Trade - AESDirect Transition to ACE - Refactored AES Direct \(Census\)](#)

For additional questions or concerns, please send an email to ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov and AskAES@census.gov.

ACE REPORTS UPDATE

On February 15, 2016, CBP retired infrequently used ACE Reports to finalize the transition to the new workspace model for all report users. Users were informed that their "Shared" and "My Favorites" folders would not be impacted by this change. CBP also mentioned to users that if they wished to maintain access to any of the reports scheduled for retirement, they could do so by saving a copy of the report to the "Shared" and "My Favorites" folders for future use.

In addition, CBP redesigned the "Home" tab with a new ACE Home Landing page with hyperlinks enabling trade to quickly access ACE reports, training information, and view the latest updates and find helpful tips. The "Documents" tab was also updated and the "Account Management," "Account Revenue," "Entry Summary," "Multi-Modal Manifest," and "Transactions" folders were removed and replaced by the "ACE Home," "Trade Workspaces," and "Training" folders. The new reports folder structure combines all available report types by account view, using a new tabular format which groups by data universe name.

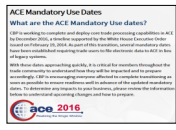


A document listing all the Retired ACE Reports is available by downloading the attachment from Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) # 16-000033.

SIGN UP FOR CENSUS AES BULLETINS

The **U.S. Census Bureau** distributes email information notices on AES issues, training availability, challenges, and more. Request email updates at the [U.S. Census Bureau website](#) by clicking "Receive Updates" at the top of the page.

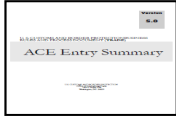
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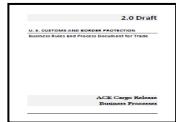
The [ACE Mandatory Use Dates](#) page provides details on the established dates for the trade transition to filing entry, entry summary, and PGA data in ACE.



The [ACE Development and Deployment Schedule](#) provides details on when upcoming ACE capabilities will be developed and deployed into the ACE production environment.



The [ACE Entry Summary Business Rules and Process Document](#) provides guidance, procedures and policies associated with entry summary filing in ACE.



The [ACE Cargo Release Business Rules and Process Document](#) provides guidance, procedures and policies associated to entry filing for cargo release in ACE. It also includes information on PGA processing.



The [ACE PGA Forms List](#) provides the PGA form names and data descriptions required at the time of entry and entry summary filing for the ACE Mandatory Use Dates, and identifies the method of submission used by the trade community to electronically transmit PGA information to ACE.



The [ACEpedia](#) update provides an overview of ACE, Single Window implementation details, benefits by trade business process, current functionality and planned future development.



The [ACE Adoption Rate Monthly Report \(February 2016 version\)](#) provides ACE onboarding statistics, cargo release and entry summary rates, PGA Pilot Status, and deployed core capability percentages.



The [ACE Basics – DIS](#) is a one-page information graphic that depicts how DIS works in ACE. It also contains information about how to get started with DIS, how to submit to DIS, and how the process works.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Have questions concerning the refactored AESDirect module?

CBP and Census's International Trade Management Division (ITMD) are working together to provide support during the trade's transition to filing in the Refactored AESDirect Module via the ACE Secure Data Portal. Below is the list of available support teams with their contact information and areas of expertise:

CBP - ACE Account Service Desk (ASD) | ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov | 1-866-530-4172, option 1

- Signing-up for the ACE Secure Data Portal, retrieving Shared Secrets, password resets
- Logging into the ACE Portal, navigating to the AESDirect module, and modifying ACE Portal account structure
- Routing to export account and reports training materials and running/troubleshooting ACE Export Reports

Census - AESDirect Client Support | AskAES@census.gov | 1- 800-549-0595, option 1

- Completing the ACE Export Online Application
- Providing support to AESDirect filers and troubleshooting fatal errors in EEI filings

Census - Trade Outreach Branch | Export.Reports@census.gov | 1-800-549-0595, option 5

- Assisting exporters with questions on the Certificate of Authority (COA) and export report authorization
- Vetting companies who request access to ACE Portal Export Reports

For additional information on the transition to the refactored AESDirect system, please click [here](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I find a list of open issues with ACE and descriptions for ACE Cargo Release Status messages?

CBP has posted an [ACE Technical Trade Issues Log](#) and an [ACE Cargo Release Glossary of Terms](#) to the "[ACE Technical News and Supplemental Guidance](#)" and "[ACE Features](#)" pages of CBP.gov/ACE.